

Recycling Dividends Program

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee
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Recycling Dividends Program (RDP)

- Program application issued April 2014 (within SMRP Municipal Application)
- Rewards communities with model recycling programs
- Provides incentives to take strategic steps to improve programs
- Evaluation independent of other SMRP grant categories
- Programs in place by June 11, 2014

RDP: Program Structure

- Best practices (criteria framework)
- Each RDP criterion has been assigned a point value
- Point values vary based on demonstrated impact on waste diversion
- Must earn a minimum of 6 points (out of 20 possible) to receive \$\$
- Payments brackets based on number of households served by municipal trash program
- Two criteria categories:
 - Drop-off trash and recycling
 - Curbside trash and recycling

Criteria Example: Curbside

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- ☐ Full SMART/PAYT – 5 points
- ☐ “First bag/barrel free” SMART/PAYT 4 points
- ☐ Trash limit – 64 gallons per week 2 points

Organics – Residential Collection

- ☐ Town-wide weekly collection 4 points
- ☐ Pilot 3 points

Yard Waste

- ☐ Collected curbside minimum of 20 weeks per year 2 points
- ☐ Drop-off location open minimum of 30 weeks per year 1 point

Mandatory Recycling Enforcement

- ☐ Dedicated compliance officer; Minimum of 19 hrs/week on the street verifying compliance and issuing fines when necessary 3 points

RDP: Award Basis

Trash Households Served by Municipal Program	Value of Each Point	Minimum Payment (6 points =)	Maximum Payment (20 points =)
1 – 1,999	\$ 200	\$ 1,200	\$ 4,000
2,000 – 7,499	\$ 400	\$ 2,400	\$ 8,000
7,500 – 14,999	\$ 600	\$ 3,600	\$ 12,000
15,000 – 24,999	\$800	\$ 4,800	\$ 16,000
25,000 +	\$ 1,200	\$ 7,200	\$ 24,000

Same for Drop-off and Curbside

RDP Year One Results

Program	# Qualified	Highest Point Earners	# of Munis	\$\$ per HH	Average points
Curbside	48	12-14	5	\$.41	8.3
Drop-off	48	12-16	10	\$1.16	9.3

How do RDP Qualifiers Perform?

- Trash disposal (per household served) is lower
- PAYT programs show most impact
- More complete data set with qualifying munis that didn't apply

Allowable Use of RDP Funds

Funds intended to support recycling and waste reduction activities, but with some parameters:
Not for general operating costs

Payments going out today

Before payments are released, the authorized signatory will be required to sign a certification

Annual reporting required. Be prepared to be audited.

Looking Ahead

- Year 2 announcement – next week
- Criteria – largely the same
- Payments will increase
- Goal: attract larger communities by increasing stakes
- Years 3-5 – criteria may increase